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Exemption of "Delahaye Mobile" vans from Motor Vehicles Taxation.

* 71 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Delahaye Mobile motion picture vehicles belonging to American Consulate-General at Madras are exempted from payment of motor vehicles tax?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Yes, the vehicles of the American Consulate-General have been exempted."

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—" Was this exemption given as per any direction or instruction from the Central Government or was it due to any request from the American Consulate-General?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, two factors are considered in giving exemption. Firstly, they must be purely educational and cultural in nature. Secondly, the foreign Consulates must give similar privileges to our vehicles in America. If these two conditions are satisfied, we give exemption."

New Thermal Station at Kadiri.

* 72 *Q.*—Sri G. SIVASANKARA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the survey for the construction of a Thermal Station at Kadiri in Anantapur district has been finished; and

(*b*) if so, why it has not been taken up for execution?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The scheme is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri G. SIVASANKARA REDDI:—" Is it not necessary that the Government should take up immediately the execution of irrigation and electrical schemes in Rayalaseema as soon as they are ready, in order to keep the area away from the periodical famines to which it is exposed?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" Immediate steps are necessary in all parts of the State, Sir."

Lockout in Malabar Mampuram Tile and Clay Works.

* 73 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation regarding the lockout in Mampuram Tile and Clay Works in Malabar and if so what action has been taken?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" A representation was received from the Mampuram Tile and Clay Works Labour

Union, Munniyur (South Malabar) regarding the matter. The question was examined and the union was informed that the Government cannot do anything as the factory has been closed owing to heavy losses incurred by the management. The union was also asked to advise the workers to seek remedy from the Labour Appellate Tribunal at Bombay under section 23 of the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950, as an appeal is pending before that Tribunal."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"Will it not be advisable for the Government to advise the management to pay unemployment salaries to the workers since the case is before the Appellate Tribunal?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, it was agreed that the management should pay at the rate of Rs. 25 per mensem from the date of the Interim Order of Stay until disposal of the appeal irrespective of the results. Later, owing to losses the management refused to pay this. Under the Industrial Disputes Act, we cannot prevent any management from closing down the factory for want of funds."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government were satisfied with the financial position of the company and did they conduct any enquiry or did they depend upon merely the representation of the management?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"No, Sir. Our Labour Officers made enquiries and were satisfied that the management closed down the factory for want of funds."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—"Can any management close down the factory when there is an appeal pending before the Tribunal under the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act? If it is so, is it not an illegal lock-out and if so, what is the action the Government propose to take?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The hon. Member is right that non-implementation of ordinary provisions of the law is wrong. But, whenever the lock-out is done for want of funds, the only remedy is an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal before which this case is pending."

Executive officers of village panchayats.

* 74 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is an approved list of trained executive officers of village panchayats; and

(*b*) if so, why, when and by whom that list was prepared?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.